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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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TAGS: EGEN, NI

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY LOSS OF BERTH 9 BY AWAFC

1. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT TO B.M. TUKUR, GENERAL MANAGER  
NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) BY CUNNINGHAM, OF AMERICAN  
WEST AFRICAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE: QUOTE

AM ADVISED THAT THE NPA WILL SHORTLY INSTITUTE A RENO-  
VATION AND UPGRADING PROGRAM AT THE APAPA PIERS BEGINNING  
WITH PIER 6 AND THEN PROCEEDING TO PIER 9 STOP AM FURTHER  
ADVISED THAT FOR THE PERIOD OF RENOVATION, I.E., 4 WEEKS  
OR LONGER, IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE  
PIER WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR USE BY THE PARTY WHOSE PIER  
IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS. WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS POLICY  
MAY BE FEASIBLE INSOFAR AS UKWAL AND COWAC ARE CONCERNED  
SINCE THESE CONFERENCES ARE ASSIGNED MORE THAN ONE PIER

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STOP HOWEVER, THE LOSS OF USE OF ITS ONLY PIER BY THIS  
CONFERENCE WITHOUT BEING ASSIGNED A SECOND PIER FOR USE  
DURING THE PERIOD OF RENOVATION OF ITS PIER WOULD  
GRIEVOUSLY HARM THE NIGERIAN/US TRADE AND SERIOUSLY IMPAIR  
THE REVENUE OF OUR MEMBER LINES SERVING NIGERIA AND OUR  
TOTAL WEST AFRICAN SERVICE STOP ACCORDINGLY, MOST EARNESTLY  
REQUEST THAT THIS CONFERENCE BE ASSIGNED A SECOND PIER AT

APAPA OR TCI FOR TEMPORARY USE WHILE ITS PIER (NO. 9-APAPA)

IS BEING RENOVATED. GRATEFUL YOUR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION THIS REQUEST AND PROMPT RELY STOP KIND REGARDS.

UNQUOTE.

2. IN LETTER TO DEPARTMENT WHICH TRANSMITS COPY OF AWAFC TELEGRAM TO NPA, CUNNINGHAM SEEKS SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT/EMBASSY IN OBTAINING FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF AWAFC'S POTENTIAL PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTS AWAFC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND URGES EMBASSY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE DEMARCHE TO NPA ALONG LINES OF AWAFC'S TELEGRAM TO TUKUR. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT A DISRUPTION OF SERVICE FOR FOUR OR MORE WEEKS OF BOTH DELTA AND FARRELL LINES SERVICE TO LAGOS WILL BE DISASTROUS TO US TRADE, AT A TIME WHEN THE US IS EXPERIENCING A SEVERE TRADE DEFICIT WITH NIGERIA (OVER \$5 BILLION IN 1977), AND IS VIEWED MOST SERIOUSLY BY USG.

3. IF APPROACH TO NPA IS UNSUCCESSFUL EMBASSY SHOULD CONSIDER ESCALATING DEMARCHE TO PERMSEC OF TRANSPORT OR OTHER APPROPRIATELY SENIOR FMG OFFICIAL. EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT RESULTS TO DEPARTMENT ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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